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Letters To The Editor

May 9, 1975

Editor
Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va.
Dear Mr. Vaughan:

Too often our business people make contributions or provide service to charitable organizations that go unheralded. It would be appreciated if you would publish this note as a public thanks to C. T. Moses of Moses Motors for the generous assistance he has provided the Toga Fire Dept. through donations, mechanical repairs and recently painting one of our trucks.

Mr. Moses in his continuing public spirited way has provided his assistance without hesitation or in anticipation of any recognition for his generosity. Therefore we would like to publically say "Thanks" to a most helpful and community-minded citizen.

Very truly yours,
John Harris, Secretary
Toga Fire Department

The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Virginia
Dear Sir:

I write to remind our community and area of Camp Meadowlark, a five week summer Day Camp sponsored by the Lynchburg Area Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. with funds from United Way and the Mental Health Services Board of Central Virginia. Our Appomattox County residents are reminded that this service is for the children in our School Division. Camp activities include: Arts, Crafts, Music, Games, Swimming, and Field Trips. The camp is held Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is located at the First Presbyterian Church on VES Road in Lynchburg. Weeks which are not yet filled are the weeks of June 16, June 23, and July 7. If there is sufficient interest, possible transportation from our area to the Camp could be provided each day. For further information, parents are asked to contact the school Principal for an application, or contact the LAARC Office, or the Camp Director, Mrs. Joan Lawrie, 2432 Indian Hill Road, Lynchburg, Virginia, telephone 284-7687.

Henry E. Riley, Jr.

Girl Scout News

A team meeting of the Appomattox and Concord Service Unit was held on May 5, 1975. Items discussed were plans for the Camporee for all Appomattox and Concord Girl Scouts to be held May 23-25 at Camp Sacajewea in Lynchburg There will be Bridging Ceremonies, wide games, a campfire Saturday night, returning home on Sunday. There will be a Day Camp held. Those girls interested should get registered right away. Mothers interested in driving for day camp, please contact Ann Burleigh - Concord - 993-2735 - Velma Johnson - Appomattox 352-5539 or Peggy Clark - Appomattox 352-8704. Non-Scouts accepted after May 1.

The Girl Scout Service Unit Team are planning to have a summer cookout for all Appomattox and Concord Adult Girl Scout volunteers.

Have a nice summer.

Peggy Clark, Reporter

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Hollywood

Revival services Sunday, May 18 - Friday, May 23 - 7:30 p.m. each night. Rev. R. E. McDowell of Charlotte Court House, will be bringing the messages each night. Each service will have special music and inspirational singing. Plan to be present for each service. Pray and expect great things from the Lord.

A large crowd attended Mothers' Day services at Hollywood Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Balthaser and family were supper guest of Mrs. Mary Bagby Thursday night.

Relatives and friends are so glad Mr. J. L. Torrence is home from the hospital and is improving nicely. Misses Margaret, Mary Jane and Lee Vaughn visited in this home Sunday afternoon.

Our hearts were saddened when word came that Mrs. Leslie Gordon, Jr. and Mr. H. G. Johnson had passed away. Deepest sympathy is extended their loved ones.

We were very sorry to hear Mr. Grover Beasley, Jr. was burned badly Saturday. We pray he may soon be fully recovered.

Everyone is so glad Mrs. Elliott Terrence is improving nicely after a recent operation and that Mrs. Robert Jenkins of Lynchburg is home from the hospital and is improving. We pray they both may soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mayberry of Newport News, spent Mothers' Day with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner and family. Mrs. Ioan Mayberry returned home with them after visiting in the Deaner home a few weeks. Mr. Kenneth Wingfield was a dinner guest in this home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Smith, of Maryland, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. C. R. Banton. Mrs. Emma Lemon was a dinner guest of Mrs. Banton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Julia were supper guest Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield of Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa spent Mother's Day week end with Mrs. Woodall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coffey and family, of Covington.

Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith, Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mrs. W. T. Covington visited Mr. J. L. Torrence in Virginia Baptist Hospital one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Baldwin were visitors of Mrs. Baldwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins Saturday night. Visitors Sunday afternoon in this home were Mr. Kenneth Baldwin, Mr. Elisha Ferguson and Mr. Emmitt Jamerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb had all their children with them or Mother's Day. They also gave Mr. Webb a surprise birthday party. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sheets visited them in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Gilliam of Farmville spent Friday with Mrs. J. L. Torrence.

Mrs. Carlton Wayne, Mrs. Henry Covington, Miss Deloris Deaner, Kenneth Wingfield, Mrs. Alfred Almond and Jeffery Kendricks called in the home of Mrs. Mary Bagby Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grishaw called in this home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Inge visited Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb and family Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. David Repass and Sherri visited in this home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb, Miss Joyce Webb and Miss Odell Webb were visitors of Mrs. Robert Morris in the Holly Manor Nursing Home in Farmville Sunday afternoon. They also called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley, Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goin and Peggy were visitors of Mrs. C. R. Banton Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. John Goin visited Mrs. Banton Saturday night.

Mr. Julian Jenkins of Lynchburg, is home from the hospital but is still very ill. His brother, Mr. H. W. Jenkins, visited him Saturday. Mr. Jenkins also visited his mother and sister at the Liberty House. We pray they all may soon be better.

Mr. Kenneth Wingfield, of Roanoke, was a supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and family Saturday. He was an overnight guest of the W. H. Wingfields.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goin who were married Saturday afternoon at New Hope Baptist Church. We wish for them a long and happy married life.

Mrs. Howard Gilbert remains ill in the Lynchburg General Hospital. We pray she may soon be better.

Dinner guest Mother's Day of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and family were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Miss Julia Wingfield and Mrs. Mary Bagby.

Visiting Mrs. C. R. Banton Sunday afternoon were her nephew and nieces, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reynolds, Mrs. Thelma Wilmer and Misses Shirley and Phyliss Casey, all of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Winfred Elder, Miss Patricia Elder, Mrs. James Maxwell and Mrs. Raymond Franklin visited Mrs. Mary Baby last week.

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The Pastor Speaks

"The Church Holy"
by the Rev. E. M. Peoples, Jr.
Vicar, St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Holy. That term gets used in many ways doesn't it? All the way from Holy Cow to Holy God. And that, you must admit is a broad spectrum!

The historic meaning of the word is to be set-apart. To be Holy is to be separated from the ordinary (or daily) for unique purpose.

And therein lies a problem for us Christians, individually and as the Church. The problem arises with balance. We interpret the word "Holy" in such a strict sense that we exclude ourselves from the world.

To be "of the world", and yet totally involved in "another", is to have a split-personality. I do not believe God created split-personalities, but rather whole ones. God does not mean for us to live our lives in a dream world, but in the world He lovingly created.

So for you and me to be Holy is for us to do two things at once. We live in this world, but we also live in another. The second is the world of God's Promise.

Material things are not evil. God created them, too. To live only for material things is narrow-minded. God has promised us more. What we have now is not what we are now as Holy. What is to come is also Holy. Let us live now in Hope of His Promise.

Thanks be to God.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, May 18, 1975.
Topic: Personal Responsibility
Scripture: Ezekiel 18

Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sins shall die. Ezekiel 18:4.

In Judah's darkest days, when the nation was being conquered and its people taken captive by Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, the people of Judah blamed their plight on the sins of their ancestors. In doing so, they sought to absolve themselves of all responsibility for the disaster which had befallen their country. This blame was succinctly expressed in a proverb, quoted by two contemporary prophets, Ezekiel and Jeremiah, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

The tendency of the people of Judah to blame their forbears for their troubles had its roots in both their concept of the covenant relationship and a characteristic of human nature. They rightly regarded the covenant as between God and the people of Israel, but in doing so they overlooked individual responsibility for keeping the covenant obligations. Although the covenant was entered into by the people as a community or nation, it required individual observance; the Ten Commandments, for example, show that keeping the covenant required observance by the individual.

The human tendency to blame someone else for his wrongdoing or his troubles is as old as the race. When God confronted Adam with his disobedience, Adam undertook to put the responsibility on Eve, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." The woman also found someone else to blame, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate."

But the practice of blaming someone else is not confined to the dim origins of the human race or to the cataclysmic disasters of antiquity. It is as contemporary as this morning's newspaper. The person accused of a crime tries to shift the responsibility for the evil he does to another - - to society, a favorite whipping boy which "never gave me a chance"; to his parents, for something they did or did not do or that he imagined they did or did not do; to his siblings; or to his neighbors; to his companions; to his heredity; or to his environment. Now any of these may have helped to give the twig a bend toward the wrong direction. There is no question that associates and environment may create a climate which influences a person toward evil. The fact remains that the individual is responsible for his conduct, no matter what the influences which help to mold his life are.

Jeremiah quoted the adage so popular among his contemporaries to foretell a new order and a new day in God's relationship to His people. Ezekiel quoted it to rebuke the people for trying to evade their own responsibility by blaming others for the terrible times which had befallen them. (Ezekiel had been taken captive to Babylonia when Nebuchadrezzar put down the rebellion of Jehoiakim in 509 B.C. Jeremiah was among those left in Jerusalem, even after its destruction in 587 B.C.

In the message God gave him, Ezekiel makes it clear that God does not relieve a person of individual responsibility for his conduct. A good father does not answer for the sins of a wicked son, nor does a good son answer for the sins of a wicked father. The righteousness of a father is not credited to a son, nor is the righteousness of a son credited to the father. Each individual stands on his own before God.

As Ezekiel relates God's revelation, no one is locked into a pattern. A son is not bound to follow the example of a father, though obviously the son who follows the example of a good father is wise. But he does not have to lead an evil and corrupt life because his father did. Nor is the individual locked into a pattern in his own life. A wicked man may change his ways and his course, and when he changes to the way of righteousness, he finds forgiveness. The once-righteous man who changes the pattern of his life to evil brings upon himself condemnation.

Each individual is responsible for determining the relationship he has with both God and his neighbor. He cannot shift that responsibility to another.

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Johnnie J. Bryant

Appomattox Man Honored On Retirement

Johnnie J. Bryant, native of Appomattox County, a heavy equipment operator with the Virginia Division of Forestry for 16½ years, was honored with a dinner at the Parkway Restaurant recently when he retired from his position with the division on April 30, 1975.

Bryant, of Route 3, worked on the state forest stationed at the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest.

Guests attending the dinner included his wife, Julia Ethel Bryant, and his immediate family.

He was presented a certificate for his time of service from State Forester Wallace Custard of Charlottesville. Assistant State Forester Ed Pennock of Charlottesville was also present for the retirement dinner.

Mr. Bryant also received a gift plaque-outline of the State of Virginia made of walnut with his picture in center, a gift from the State Forest personnel handmade by Ed Robertson, a co-worker and Ranger on Cumberland Forest. Another gift, that of a wrist watch, was presented to him from the personnel.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant are the parents of four children: Mrs. Vernell Godsey of Ashland, Mrs. Howard Rosen of Buckingham, Mr. J. S. Brant of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Kenneth Elliott of Appomattox.

Longsworth's daughters, Misses Folly and Sally Longsworth in Rouge River, Oregon.

Mrs. James Rosser, Mrs. Robert McClenny, Jr., Mrs. John Campbell and Mrs. Hubert Price entertained Miss Nancy Smith with a bridal shower at Elon Baptist Church last Saturday night.

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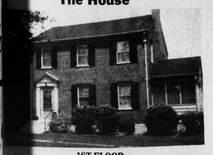

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